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Egypt, Asyut area

Sociological pictures of locality

23 Kodachrome transparencies  
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- ✓ 1. Asyut [27 12N - 31 11E] from the mountain during flood season. The distinct difference between the old city and the new shows up in the buildings. The East desert is to the far right background. The dike road in the foreground goes out to the mountain.
- ✓ 2. Mountain wall in right background and city of Asyut. This is how the fields look in April when the flood is off.
- ✓ 3. Mountain wall and dyke road near Asyut. "Joseph's granaries", where legend says food was stored during the famine, are visible in mountain wall. Looking west.
- ✓ 4. Muslim graves showing tombs of sheiks near edge of the mountain wall at Asyut. Right of and below picture 3.
- ✓ 5. Flooded land south of Asyut. Note sailboat on Nile River.
- ✓ 6. One type of water wheel with a threshing floor in the background. Mountain wall showing in right background. This is during harvest time which is early May.
- ✓ 7. Closeup of tins on the water wheel in picture 6.

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8. "Shanduff" (bucket and lever waterwheel) on flooded canal bank. Note mud weight and rope to bucket.
9. Raising water from the level of the canal to the level of the fields.
10. a. Showing "shanduff" in field. The wells are shallow, because if they are deep, the water becomes salt. Asyut is in the background, desert wall to left.
- ✓ 10. b. Closeup of same shanduff, showing the water being poured out.
11. Pigeon Cote at Mallawi /27 44N - 30 50E/. The pigeon droppings are used for fertilizer--the most expensive to be had in the region. These are wild pigeons, which are not good for eating. The cote is on top of a wall or house.
12. Plowing in early December. A dyke is visible in the background. Note level of fields below the dyke.
13. Threshing wheat.
14. Winnowing forks.
- ✓ 15. Corn stalks and cotton brush (used for baking fuel) and grain jars on the roofs of houses near Asyut.
16. A village flour mill, typical of the area. It is run by a gasoline engine.
17. Baking bread at an orphanage at Asyut. The bread is put onto a mud plate which rests on iron spikes within the igloo-like mud oven. The bread is baked on one side, flipped and baked on the other. It puffs up and is hollow in the middle.
18. Mud beehives, typical of those near Mallawi.
19. Sugar cane at Mallawi, near the river. Bandits hide out in the cane when it is high, and back roads are frequently not safe at this time.
20. Market place, typical of those in the Asyut area.
21. A farm village showing the roof tops. It is typical of the way the peasants, almost serfs, live on the big estates.
22. Hadji houses in village near Asyut.

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